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Application No: GB 0104529.3
Claims searched: 1-32

Examiner: Matthew Cope
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Patents Act 1977 : Further Search Report under Section 17

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1-16 & 19-32	WO 98/59506 A3 TELIA - Whole doc relevant
X	1-16 & 19-32	WO 99/56144 A1 SNAPTRACK - Whole doc relevant
X P	1,3,6,8,9, 19,26-28, 31 & 32	WO 00/49530 A1 TELIA - Whole doc relevant
X	1-16 & 19-32	The Touring Machine [1997] - Documentation retrieved from http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/graphics/projects/mars/touring.html

Categories:

X Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
Y Document indicating lack of inventive step if combined with one or more other documents of same category.	P Document published on or after the declared priority date but before the filing date of this invention.
& Member of the same patent family	E Patent document published on or after, but with priority date earlier than, the filing date of this application.

Field of Search:

Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^w :

G4A

Worldwide search of patent documents classified in the following areas of the IPC⁷ :

G06F

The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report :

EPODOC, WPI, PAJ, INTERNET



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Your ref: P15121GB
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Search and Examination Report under Sections 17 & 18(3)

Basis of the examination

1. My examination has taken account of the amendments filed with your agent's letter of 16th February 2004.

Excluded matter

2. As suggested in my earlier report, I believe that your invention as defined in new claims 1-32 should be excluded from patentability under section 1(2)(c) of the Act as relating to a program for a computer and a method for doing business.

3. As can be seen from the documents discussed below under novelty, all of the technology required to embody your invention was known before the priority date of your invention. As such, your invention appears to lie not in the creation of any new technology or technique, but rather in a new business model for using existing technology and accordingly falls within the exclusions detailed above. Inventions which relate to excluded matter may sometime be considered patentable if they make a technical contribution to the prior art, in your case however I can see no such contribution and hence the exclusions will apply.

Novelty

4. The invention as defined in claims 1,3,6,8,9,19,26-28, 31 & 32 is not new because it has already been disclosed in the following documents:

- WO 00/49530 A1 - This document discloses a mobile information service which anticipates the features of claims 1,3,6,8,9,19,26-28, 31 & 32.
- WO 98/59506 A3 - This document discloses a mobile terminal system which anticipates the features of claims 1,3,6,8,19 & 26.
- WO 99/56144 A1 - This document discloses a mobile client system which anticipates the features of claims 1,3,6,8,19 & 26.

The Touring Machine [1997] - Documentation retrieved from
<http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/graphics/projects/mars/touring.html>

- The Touring machine developed at Columbia university and the subject of several published documents in 1997 comprises a mobile 'augmented reality' computer system which has features which anticipate your claims 1,3,6,8,19 & 26.



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Inventive step

5. The invention as defined in claims 2,4,5,7,10-16,20-25,29 & 30 lacks an inventive step in view of what has already been disclosed in the following documents:

WO 98/59506 A3

WO 99/56144 A1

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<http://www1.cs.columbia.edu/graphics/projects/mars/touring.html>

6. Although none of the above cited documents explicitly discuss real estate sales, it is clear that the intended use of such systems is to advertise local services, accommodation and similar, and even though real estate is not mentioned explicitly, the extension of the above systems to cover such sales is not felt to comprise an inventive step.

Other matters

7. The statement of invention on page 10 onwards of your description is no longer coterminous with the independent claims.